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SUBJECT: US-ITALIAN ENERGY COOPERATION

FROM ENDERS FOR BEAUDRY

1. SUGGEST YOU DRAW ON FOLLOWING IN YOUR DISCUSSTONS WTTH  
BATTAGLIA AND/OR MIGLIUOLA. .

2. I WOULD LIKE BEFORE THE JULY 28 MEETING OF THE IEA  
GOVERNING BOARD TO CONFIRM THE UNDERSTANDING I THOUGHT WE  
HAD REACHED IN OUR MEETING OF JUNE 28 ON HOW WE WOULD  
PROCEED IN OUR ENERGY COOPERATION, BOTH BILATERALLY THROUGH  
THE ENERGY WORKING GROUP AND MULTILATERALLY THROUGH THE IEA.  
MY UNDERSTANDING OF THE CONCLUSIONS REACHED WAS THAT WE  
WOULD PROCEED IN A PARALLEL FASHION. IN THE IEA, WE WOULD  
CONTINUE TO ELABORATE A BROAD GA0D PROGRAM OF LONG TERM  
COOPERATION COVERING SUCH ELEMENTS AS CONSERVATION, RE-  
SEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, NUCLEAR MATTERS, AND A MINIMUM  
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SAFEGUARD PRICE. SOME ELEMENTS OF THIS OVERALL PACKAGE  
REQUIRE FURTHER ENRICHMENT AND WE SHOULD POINT TOWARD  
HAVING ALL OF THEM FULLY ELABORATED FOR AN IEA DECISION  
ON THE TOTAL PROGRAM BY DECEMBER 1. AT THE SAME TIME, WE

WOULD PROCEED IN OUR BILATERAL WORKING GROUP TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC AREAS IN WHICH WE COULD COOPERATE IN THE REALIZATION OF ITALY'S ECONOMICALLY AND POLITICALLY IMPORTANT NUCLEAR PROGRAM.

3. WE WERE FRANKLY DISAPPOINTED BY THE POSITION TAKEN BY THE ITALIAN DELEGATION IN THE JUNE 30 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING FOLLOWING OUR CONSULTATIONS IN ROME. YOUR DELEGATION DID NOT PARTICIPATE IN THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS ON THE LONG TERM PROGRAM AND SIMPLY REITERATED ITS VIEW THAT THE DRAFT BEFORE THE GOVERNING BOARD WAS AN UNACCEPTABLE BASIS FOR NEGOTIATION. AT THE LAST MOMENT, YOUR DELEGATION DID ACCEPT THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE GOVERNING BOARD DISCUSSION, BUT DID NOT INDICATE THAT IT HAD MODIFIED ITS EARLIER POSITION OF GENERAL RESERVATION ON THE MSP IN PARTICULAR AND THE OVERALL PROGRAM IN GENERAL.

4. I WOULD STILL HOPE THAT WE CAN CONTINUE ALONG THE LINES WE HAD AGREED IN ROME. WE SHOULD CONTINUE TO MOVE AHEAD ON THE LONG TERM PROGRAM IN THE IEA AT THE JULY 28 MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT MEETINGS, NEGOTIATING ON A COMPLETELY AD REFERENDUM BASIS WITH THE EXPLICIT UNDERSTANDING THAT ACCEPTANCE OF ANY ONE SPECIFIC ELEMENT OF THE PACKAGE IS CONDITIONAL UPON THE ACCEPTABILITY OF THE TOTAL PROGRAM WHEN IT IS DRAWN TOGETHER ON DECEMBER 1. WE SHOULD PROCEED IN PARALLEL ON THE BILATERAL ROUTE TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC AREAS IN WHICH THE US MIGHT SUPPORT YOUR NUCLEAR PROGRAM. IN THIS REGARD, WE ARE STILL AWAITING FROM ROME WORD ON WHEN YOU WOULD PROPOSE TO SEND A GROUP OF EXPERTS TO WASHINGTON TO EXPLORE IN DETAIL PROSPECTS FOR COOPERATION IN THE AREA OF NATURAL URANIUM. WE ARE ALSO AWAITING FROM YOU THE DETAILED DATA REQUIRED FOR US TO BEGIN A COMPREHENSIVE EXAMINATION OF THE FINANCING ISSUE. WE SHOULD MOVE FORWARD QUICKLY IN BOTH OF THESE AREAS. AS SOON AS THE SUBGROUP HAS MET AND WE HAVE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO REVIEW YOUR FINANCIAL DATA, WE CAN SCHEDULE ANOTHER FORMAL MEETING OF THE ENERGY WORKING GROUP. IN  
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THE MEANTIME, I WOULD HOPE TO HAVE FURTHER DISCUSSIONS ON THESE BILATERAL ISSUES IN PARIS WITH MINISTER MIGLIUOLO DURING THE JULY 28 GOVERNING BOARD MEETING. KISSINGER

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